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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT'S TOASTS AND REMARKS

1. AS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED, VICE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE THREE OCCASIONS DURING VISIT TO MAKE REMARKS AND PROPOSE TOASTS, I.E., AMBASSADOR'S DINNER APRIL 1, STATE LUNCHEON APRIL 2, AND GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S RECEPTION APRIL 2. MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE WILL BE STATE LUNCHEON, WHEN VICE PRESIDENT'S TOAST LIKELY TO BE CARRIED LIVE ON NATIONWIDE RADIO AND TELEVISION. TO COINCIDE WITH TELEVISION COVERAGE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT TOAST BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN TEN MINUTES. REMARKS AT AMBASSADOR'S DINNER AND GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S RECEPTION WOULD BE BRIEF (THREE TO FIVE MINUTES) AND INFORMAL IN NATURE.

2. STATE LUNCHEON TOAST WILL BE MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC STATEMENT ON U.S. - NEW ZEALAND RELATIONS IN MANY YEARS. SUGGEST IT BE DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS: FOLLOWING OPENING REMARKS REFERRING, INTER ALIA, TO U.S. BICENTENNIAL AND HIS INTEREST IN APRIL 3-10 "AMERICA WEEK" IN CHRISTCHURCH, VICE PRESIDENT COULD NOTE COMMON HERITAGE AND HISTORIC TIES DATING BACK TO ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S. CONSULATE IN RUSSELL IN 1839. MENTION COULD ALSO BE MADE OF FIRST MAJOR INFLUX OF AMERICANS

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INTO NEW ZEALAND DURING GOLD RUSH IN 1860S.

3. DURING THE 20TH CENTURY, THE STRENGTH OF U.S.-NEW ZEALAND TIES HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN FOUR WARS (WORLD WAR I, WORLD WAR II, KOREA AND VIETNAM) AS OUR PEOPLES STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER TO DEFEND FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. WORLD WAR II BROUGHT SECOND MAJOR INFLUX OF AMERICANS TO NEW ZEALAND. WARMTH AND FRIENDSHIP WITH WHICH AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE RECEIVED INTO THE COUNTRY AND INTO THE HOMES OF NEW ZEALANDERS WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. IT IS FITTING REMEMBRANCE OF THIS THAT AMERICAN AND MARINE CORPS FLAGS ARE "LAID UP" IN WELLINGTON'S ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

4. ANZUS TREATY, SIGNED 25 YEARS AGO, IS OUR FORMAL MUTUAL SECURITY PLEDGE. IT IS, HOWEVER, BUT ONE THREAD IN A BROAD AND STRONG FABRIC OF RELATIONSHIPS. WE SHOULD EXAMINE SOME OF THE STRANDS IN THAT FABRIC--TRADE, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES, AND OUR COMMON PURSUIT OF A BETTER WORLD THROUGH COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

5. SUCCESS OF AMTECH-76 ATTESTS TO IMPORTANCE OF NEW ZEALAND AS MARKET FOR U.S. PRODUCTS. EQUALLY, WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT U.S. IS WORLD'S LARGEST IMPORTER OF NEW ZEALAND BEEF AND IS, IN FACT, FOURTH LARGEST MARKET FOR NEW ZEALAND. TRADE IS MAJOR FACTOR IN TODAY'S INTERDEPENDENT WORLD -- A FACTOR ON WHICH ECONOMIC STABILITY, GROWTH AND PROSPERITY ARE HIGHLY DEPENDENT. BOTH NATIONS MUST CONTINUE EFFORTS, IN BILATERAL MEETINGS AND MULTILATERAL FORUMS, TO REDUCE BARRIERS HINDERING INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE.

6. EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN U.S. AND NEW ZEALAND ARE EXCELLENT EXAMPLES OF OUR NATURAL AFFINITIES. SINCE INCEPTION OF ULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN 1949, NEARLY 600 NEW ZEALANDERS HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO TEACH OR STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES, WHILE MORE THAN 500 AMERICANS HAVE DONE THE SAME IN NEW ZEALAND. THE INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING THAT HAS RESULTED IN VITAL PART OF OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN ANTARCTIC RESEARCH, IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT PART OF THIS RELATIONSHIP. WITHOUT NEW ZEALAND SUPPORT, THE AMERICAN ANTARCTIC PROGRAM WOULD BE ONLY A FRACTION OF WHAT IT IS TODAY.

7. AS FOUNDING MEMBERS OF UNITED NATIONS, U.S. AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE MADE AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE

SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT. OUR EFFORTS DO NOT CENTER AROUND THE UN ALONE, BUT IN OTHER FORUMS SUCH AS THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. WE ARE COGNIZANT OF THE MAJOR ROLE NEW ZEALAND PLAYS IN AID AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS GENERALLY AND IN SOUTH PACIFIC/SOUTHEAST ASIAN AREA IN PARTICULAR. U.S. KNOWS NEW ZEALAND WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY ITS PART IN RELIEVING THE MANIFOLD ILLS OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT.

8. IN CLOSING, SUGGEST VICE PRESIDENT NOTE THIRD MAJOR INFLUX OF AMERICANS: MORE THAN 40,000 AMERICANS VISIT NEW ZEALAND EACH YEAR. UNLIKE PREVIOUS PERIODS, HOWEVER, THIS IS BALANCED BY NEARLY EQUAL NUMBER OF NEW ZEALANDERS VISITING U.S. A SPECIAL WELCOME IS EXTENDED DURING BICENTENNIAL YEAR FOR NEW ZEALANDERS FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE TO VISIT U.S., LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR HISTORY AND TRADITIONS, WHILE INFORMING AMERICANS OF NEW ZEALAND'S OWN RICH PAST.
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